

**P-20 Council  
Steering Committee Meeting  
September 12, 2007-2:00 p.m.  
Meeting Notes**

**Location:** 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007  
**Committee Members Present:** Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Sybil Francis, Dr. James Zaharis, Paul Luna and Kino Flores (telephonically).  
**Staff Present:** Lauren Kielsmeier, Erin Hart, and Claire Parriott.  
**Guests Present:**

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Lauren Kielsmeier called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm. It was noted that Dr. Kino Flores was attending telephonically.

**2. Update/Discussion: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills Conference:**

The University of Arizona, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills Community Foundation Partnership, and the P-20 Committee will be co-convening a conference on October 25, 2007 in Tucson.

**3. Review/Discussion-Work of the committees**

- a. **Communications Committee:** Work continues on the coordinated communications plan. The committee is still seeking and accepting other partners with P-20 goals to be a part of this effort. The committee hopes to debut the plan in January.
- b. **Education Alignment Committee:**
  - **SBE update-**The State Board of Education has distributed a letter soliciting input regarding their high school requirement recommendations from education organizations.
  - **Alignment Institute-**The committee discussed when to begin participation in the Alignment Institute study.
  - **Higher Education Demand and Feasibility Study-** NCHEMS has delivered a draft to the Governor's Office. The draft will be distributed to various groups to be vetted in order to gain buy-in before being released to the public.
- c. **Education Workforce Pathways Committee:** The Pathways Committee will hold monthly meetings with the Department of Education to achieve embedding academic content in CTE classes.
- d. **Teachers Committee:** Staff reviewed the draft strategic planning document and discussed teacher capacity issues with the committee. The TQS report is being finalized and will be presented to the full council on October 1, 2007. In addition, the committee received \$100,000 from the Salt-River Indians to use toward the Arizona STEM Center.
- e. **Adolescent Literacy Committee:** Work continues on a toolkit for 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to distribute with the Governor's Book Program in October 2007.
- f. **Data, Assessment & Graduation Committee:** Work continues on teacher identification legislation; the next meeting has been set for September 20, 2007.
- g. **Steering Committee:**

**4. Next Steps**

No next steps were called for at the meeting.

**5. Call to the Public**

There were no requests from the public to address the committee.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Lauren Kielsmeier at 3:40 pm.